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A Murderer's Vision.
Had Belcher, the Essex county, Ontario, murderer been executed on the 21st of December, as sentenced, it would have been his second execution. If this assertion reads strangely it is capable of such an explanation as will render it perfectly plain.

Belcher is a cool man. He stained his hands with human blood only after he had brooded over his wrongs for weeks and weeks, and only after he had come to the conclusion that his own life was a burden. He scarcely attempted a defence when his trial came on. He could have secured witnesses whose testimony would have influenced the jury in his favor more or less, but he would not seek for them. He could have made a statement excusing his crime in a measure and showing that he had been deeply wronged, but he would scarcely speak. When the Judge put on the black cap and sentenced Belcher to be hanged the murderer exhibited less emotion than any other person in the court room. It was only after he had been ironed hand and foot and placed in the murderer's cell in the grim jail at Sandwich that he seemed to realize his situation.

"It's all right; I'll be there when wanted," he gruffly observed, and he talked freely with the numerous journalists who sought interviews.

There were few residents of Essex county who expected an execution to take place. The county has not had one for years, and the influence of the anti capital punishment people of Michigan is strongly felt along the border. Steps were soon taken to secure a commutation of sentence. Belcher was apathetic, first, being more inclined to put the noose over his head than to cast it from him. There came a reaction. Perhaps the winter sunshine pouring through the cold iron bars and warming the flagstones of the corridor warmed his heart at the same time. He could hear the merry shouts of the boys as they slid down hill or skated on the river below, and the musical jingle of sleigh bells could not be kept out by the massive walls. Belcher wanted to live. He wrenched at his irons with the strength of a giant, and called out because the hours and days were flying so swiftly. He besought the press to plead his case; he called for lawyers; he remembered that he had witnessed. The strong man broke down and became a child, and every day, and every hour, outside of his sleep, he thought of the grim gallows, the fatal noose, and he saw himself dangling in the air. Three days before the reprieve came he said he would die; but he said it with a face as white as snow and every nerve trembling with fear. He had been taken to execution he could not have walked alone, and he would have sunk down on the trap.

All Essex county were at last working in his favor. Petitions were circulated, mass meetings held, and an irresistible influence was brought to bear on the Governor General. Belcher hoped and feared. Reprieves are not so common in Canada that murderers in the shadow of the gallows can rely on them and keep their courage up. When sheriff and warden and murderer were counting the hours the reprieve came. Belcher escaped the gallows, but the doors of Kingston were closed on him for life. It was evening when the news came, and when the telegram was read to him he could not utter a word.

An hour before the sun went down the jail was very quiet. It is always so when the shadow of death holds the keys. Belcher paced up and down, his face haggard and worn and his eyes wearing such a look as is never seen outside of prison walls. Out in the courtyard men were at work, not at the gallows, but at some repairs. Belcher believed that the scaffold from which he was to swing was being erected, and his heart must have stood still as he heard the hammer and saw at work. Leaning against the wall, his eyes looking into vacancy, the murderer suffered all the pain that a real execution could inflict. Some of the prisoners were watching him. They saw him hold out his hands for the Sheriff to remove the irons. They saw him kneel in prayer. They saw him arise and look around as if following the officials to the gallows. He looked up as if surveying the swaying noose and a shudder passed over him.

The prisoners could read his thoughts as plainly as if he had written them down. In imagination he mounted the gallows. He looked at the noose again and suddenly jerked his head aside, as if to have it passed over and tightened about his neck. When he stood as if waiting for the trap to spring, his face was no longer pale; it was so livid and distorted that almost every line of humanity was crushed out of sight. The trap fell, and with an awful gasp, a shout, a scream of agony, Belcher fell to the floor, his tongue protruding, his eyes open and glassy, and a froth oozing from his mouth. It was a quarter of an hour before he was fully resuscitated, and his first words were:

"O, God! but how the rope cut into my neck!"

It was another fifteen minutes before the man could be convinced that his execution was imaginary. He had suffered all that a hang man's victim suffers, and in piteous tones he cried out, while tears ran down his face:

"Don't hang me again! Oh, my throat is so sore!"

He had on a woollen shirt, fitting loosely around the neck. They unbuttoned the collar, turned it down, and there was a bright red mark clear around the throat!

Facts only are stated here, and men may theorize as they feel inclined. That mark did not die away for thirty hours, and the murderer complained of swollen tonsils and a sore throat. His reprieve came only after he had been hanged, and yet it saved his life.—*New York Herald.*

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